

News Briefs

PDF, Jr.
Ages 6 to 12 are invited to participate in this youth-oriented deployment program at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Children will learn what happens during their parents' TDY or deployment tasking. Registration is limited to 75 children. To sign up, call the family support center at Ext. 2790.

School/sports physicals
The 14th Medical Group is hosting school/sports physical appointments beginning at 7:30 a.m. Aug. 6 at the medical clinic.
Appointments can be made online at www.tricare-online.com, under the "School Physical" visit reason, or by phone at 434-CARE or Ext. 2273. Additional appointment openings are available during regular clinic hours Monday through July 29.

Inclement weather headlight usage
The Air Education and Training Command Security Forces Squadron has implemented a change requiring turning on headlights from sunrise to sunset during fog, smoke or rain, when windshield wipers are activated, or any other time when persons and vehicles cannot be seen clearly.
The change to AETC supplement 32-204 makes this new policy mandatory for all AETC bases regardless of state traffic laws. If there are any more questions or for more information, contact Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Quality Assurance Program at Ext. 7441 or Ext. 7443.

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SUPT Class 05-12 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the base theater.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE											
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Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (06-05)	0.71 days	-2.79 days	July 22	48th (05-12)	0.00 days	0.89 days	Today	T-37	1,857	1,434	24,370
41st (06-06)	2.97 days	-0.29 days	Aug. 11	50th (05-12)	2.00 days	0.30 days	Today	T-38C	678	558	11,805
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Graduation speaker: Brig. Gen. Jack Ramsaur, U.S. Strategic Command Global Operations											

Going CAMPing

Kevin Porteck, Air Force forester, and Sarah Fafinski, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron Environmental Flight, inspect the compost piles during the External Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment and Management Program. The ESOHCAMP, which began Monday, assessed air emissions, cultural resources, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, natural resources, other environmental issues, pesticide management, POL, solid waste, storage tanks, toxic substances, wastewater, water quality, safety, occupational health, and environmental restoration.



Airman Alyssa Wallace

Columbus schools registration

On-base residents can enroll Monday at FSC

Airman 1st Class Alexis Lloyd
14th Flying Training Wing

The registration for on-base children who will attend institutions in the Columbus Municipal School District for the 2005-2006 school year is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday at the family support center.

The following people can come to the registration:

- Kindergarten through 4th grade – Students who participated in the Columbus Parent Choice Lottery and have an assigned seat.
- Fifth through 6th grade – Prior CMSD enrolled or new students
- Seventh through 12th – Students who have already received class schedules from their appropriate school
- Parents will need to bring two proofs of on-base housing residency, such as bills or bank statements. If the student is new to the district, the parent needs to bring the child's immunization record, certified birth certificate and previous school records.
- Children in kindergarten through 4th grades who have not participated in the lottery must report to Brandon See **REGISTER**, Page 3

AF now accepting applications for: Physician assistants

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force is taking applications for physician assistant Phase I training classes in beginning January, April and August 2007.
Only active-duty enlisted Airmen are eligible to apply.
The selection board is scheduled to convene at the Air Force Personnel Center here March 21, 2006. Completed applications must be sent by military personnel flights and arrive no later than Jan. 27 at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729.
Incomplete applications or those received after the cutoff date will be returned and will not meet the selection board, AFPC officials said.
To be eligible, applicants must:
— Be on active duty in the grade of E-3 through E-8 with a minimum of two years and a maximum of 14 years active military service as of Aug. 31, 2007.
— Meet age limitations specified in Air Force Instruction 36-2005 for appointment as second lieutenants in the Biomedical Sciences Corps (less than 42 years old upon


completion of Phase II training).
— Combined verbal and math score of 950 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test.
— Have a minimum general score of 80 points on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery or Air Force Classification Test.
— Sixty semester hours of transferable college credits and a grade-point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Twenty-nine of the semester hours must be actual in-classroom courses at an accredited college or university. A combined minimum 3.0 GPA is required in the math and science courses. Thirty-one semester hours may be met from the College-Level Examination Program, defense activity for non-traditional education support, Community College of the Air Force, U.S. Armed Forces Institute correspondence courses, end-of-course test or specific subject examination.
For more information, Airmen can contact their local military personnel flight, education office or visit the AFPC Web site online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/medical/BSC/Education/PAApplication.htm. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)*

Physical therapists


RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force is taking applications for the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program which begins Dec. 17, 2006 at the Health Science Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
Only active-duty Airmen who possess a baccalaureate degree or those who are in the final semester prior to receiving a degree that includes this program's prerequisites may apply. Applicants must also be medically qualified for world-wide duty.
The selection board is scheduled to convene at the Air Force Personnel Center here in December. Completed applications must be sent by military personnel flights and arrive at HQ AFPC/DPAMW, 550 C Street West, Suite 27, Randolph AFB TX 78150-4729 no later than Nov. 25. Incomplete applications or those received after the cutoff date will be returned and will not meet the selection board, said AFPC officials.
To be eligible, applicants must:
— Have scored 1,000 or higher on the Graduate Record

Examination with a minimum score of 450 on the verbal portion.
— Completed 100 hours of voluntary service in direct patient care in a physical therapy function.
— Hold a minimum overall undergraduate grade point average of 3.1 on a 4.0 scale and a 3.1 GPA or better on all required prerequisites.
All prerequisite courses must have been completed within 10 years of the initial semester of the program. Non-credited military training does not count as prerequisites. The program does accept CLEP and advanced placement exams, and on-line courses to fulfill prerequisites, however, applicants cannot CLEP out of laboratory courses.
Qualified applicants should call DSN 665-2775 or (210) 565-2775 for applications.
For more information, on program prerequisites, including required coursework and application procedures, visit the AFPC Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/medical/BSC/Education/ptweb05.doc/>. *(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service)*

Visit the Air Force Personnel Center at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/> for up to date news and information about assignments, promotions and more.



The 14th Flying Training Wing thanks Sergeant Brown for her role as the Air Force Dental Readiness Assurance Program monitor. She kept the base at a rate of 99 to 100 percent by managing the dental appointment schedule and ensuring patient appointment compliance.



Tech. Sgt. Pamela Brown
14th Medical Operations Squadron

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, **26 BLAZE TEAM members** are deployed worldwide.
Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



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Exchange's birthday celebration begins Monday with sales, giveaways, more

The Columbus AFB Base Exchange will honor the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's 110th anniversary from Saturday to Monday with a wide variety of sales, promotions and sweepstakes.

Prizes during the three-day celebration will range from candy bars to a 2005 Chevy Cobalt.

"Every day of the celebration will bring a new host of events and attractions," said Joyce Best, BX general manager. "Highlights at the Columbus AFB exchange will include special sales, birthday cake and daily drawings for gift certificates."

On July 25, 1895, the War Department issued General Order number 46 directing post commanders to establish an exchange at every post where practicable. Since the first formal exchanges were established on that day, an exchange system has served side-by-side with Soldiers and, since 1947, Airmen in tents and trucks in the field and in permanent facilities, on posts and bases around the world.

Today, AAFES provides support to its 11.5 million authorized customers without regard to where they are stationed. In fact, AAFES has more than 3,100 facilities in 49 states and more than 35 countries. Currently, AAFES brings a bit of home to troops with 55 stores in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and has about 450 associates deployed at any given time. All of these associates live and work right alongside the deployed troops they serve.

"AAFES has long been a vital part of the services' Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs and a partner with the military in providing for the everyday needs of Soldiers, Airmen and their families," said AAFES' Commander Maj. Gen. Bill Essex. "AAFES' mission is basically the same as it was in 1895 — to provide quality goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support MWR programs."

With roughly 67 percent of AAFES' earnings historically going to MWR programs, these contributions to service members and their families make AAFES a major non-pay benefit. In just the past 10 years, AAFES has contributed \$2.3 billion to the Armed Forces to spend on quality of life improvements for troops and their families, including: libraries, sports programs, swimming pools, youth activities, tickets and tour services, bowling centers, hobby shops, music programs, outdoor facilities and unit functions.

AAFES is a joint command of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, and is directed by a board of directors who is responsible to the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force through the Service Chiefs of Staff. AAFES has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and of generating non-appropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military MWR programs. To find out more about AAFES' history and mission or to view recent press releases please visit our Web site at www.aafes.com/pa/default.asp. (Courtesy of AAFES)

Shipping postal



Airman 1st Class Alexis Lloyd

Minerva Brewer, new Columbus AFB contracted postmaster, explains delivery confirmation to Airman 1st Class Sherri Tucker, 41st Flying Training Squadron, at the base post office Tuesday. The post office, located across from the Services Complex (community activity center), is full-service including express, priority and global mailing. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:45 to 3:45 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For more information about the services offered at the post office, call Ext. 2960.

REGISTER

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Central Services Center located at 2630 McArthur Drive next to K-mart to fill out an application for a seat in one of the local schools.

The most recent Federal Court order abolished the elementary school zones in Columbus, therefore all students must be assigned a seat from the district office.

Students in 7th through 12th grade who do not have a class schedule yet must go to the appropriate school, either Lee or Columbus High, for their schedule prior to registering.

"This is the second year we've done this on-base reg-

istration," said David Sullivan, assistant superintendent for instruction. "It gives Columbus AFB parents the opportunity to meet administrators they may not ordinarily see when visiting the schools.

"It also gives CAFB children the opportunity to meet and talk to their principals as well as meet other children on base," he said. "Many of these children have been moved many times, and it makes a more comfortable situation to register in. Plus it saves the parents a drive down to their children's schools."

For more information, call the CMSD office at 241-7400 or visit the district's website at www.columbuscitschools.org.

Character — What it means to be an American

Lt. Col. Daniel Milnes
14th Medical Support Squadron



Three weeks ago our country celebrated the Fourth of July. I hope all of you were able to enjoy a little down time and relaxation after what has been an extremely busy and exciting year for the BLAZE TEAM! I also hope that at some point during that weekend, you were able to take a few moments to reflect upon the reasons we celebrate our independence and to recall what it means to be an American.

From the earliest days of our nation, even before independence had been won, General George Washington understood that the toil and blood that purchased a new nation would have lasting meaning only if the character of the nation matched the sacrifice of those who fought for its independence; and, only if the independence of that new nation was secured on the pillars of justice and freedom.

In 1776, our nation experienced a new birth of freedom. We were to be a nation where the right of the

people to govern themselves was realized, religion became a matter of personal conscience and dreams were large. Through education and determination, every person could make those dreams real, and in doing so, make a better world.

Our new birth of freedom and our democratic experiment is now in its 229th year. In the 18th century we began with a ragtag revolutionary army challenging the strongest military power on earth. In the 19th century we survived a civil war which pitted brother against brother. In the 20th century we survived two world wars and a 50-year cold war that took us to Korea and Vietnam and put us on the brink of nuclear war over Cuba. And today, we have more than 2.4 million of our country's greatest, best-trained men and women serving around the globe and taking responsibility for securing our nation's freedoms and securing a future of peace, stability, prosperity and justice. Whether they are serving on the ground, in the air, or at sea; overseas or at home; and active-duty, Guard or reserve, their sacrifice and unflinching willingness to put service before self is truly extraordinary.

Freedom is not free, and we have endured as a nation for more than 229 years on the backs of men and women in uniform. We owe them very much. I say this

not because I wear the uniform, but because the history of this great nation is about service and sacrifice, and for the last 229 years men and women have put it on the line for this nation. They've served and they've sacrificed so that we and our children can enjoy the liberties we all too often take for granted. And they have served not only to preserve our nation's values but also so that the ideals of freedom and liberty could be extended to all citizens of the world.

As we recall what it means to be an American and why we are willing to fight for what America means, let us remember what America stands for. America stands for enduring values...the right of people to govern themselves, to live in safety and security, to enjoy peace and prosperity, to find and to worship God in their own way. These values form the foundation of our nation's character. Nothing is more important to our past, present and future.

Celebrating our independence during the Fourth of July weekend is always a well deserved break and a fun-filled time with family and friends. We have the freedom to enjoy our cookouts, picnics and swimming pools. Let us always remember the price of freedom, and let us take time to celebrate the character of our nation, each and every day!

Straight Talk Line

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better.

Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command.

The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in Silver Wings without names.

Written questions may be dropped off at the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724.

People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main Web site at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

Lesson — mission first, people always

Col. Robert Hamm
380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Over the years I've watched many leaders — officers, chiefs, NCOs, and Airmen alike — take our organization to ever higher levels of achievement. Like you, I have studied those I considered to be outstanding leaders and I've watched others struggle with the challenges of leadership. But I learned from all of them.

Growing up in our Air Force, I found the greatest challenge was balancing the needs of the people with the needs of the mission. It seemed to me a leader was described as either a "people person" or a "mission-oriented person," but seldom did I see a leader who effectively balanced both — until I met Master Sgt. Kenneth Kelly.

Sergeant Kelly understood it was his job to make sure his shop was capable of performing its wartime tasks but just as importantly to ensure the welfare of the troops.

"Accomplishing the mission is the primary task of every military

organization; everything else must be subordinate," according to AFPAM 36-2241, Promotion Fitness Examination Study Guide. "However, a successful military leader recognizes that people perform the mission and that without their support, the unit will fail. Thus, meeting the needs of the people is a responsibility equal in importance to meeting the requirements of the mission."

Sergeant Kelly said it this way: "Mission first, people always." Sergeant Kelly balanced the needs of mission with the needs of people better than anyone I've ever known. Sergeant Kelly didn't confuse taking care of his troops with trying to make all the troops happy. Being a leader isn't about being popular. Given some of the things we're asked to do, it's not realistic to expect everyone to be happy all the time. In his mind, taking care of troops meant ensuring they were properly trained, healthy, properly equipped, held accountable to the highest standards, all the while making sure they understood our core values of integrity, excellence, and selflessness. He wasn't easy on us. He challenged our team and didn't tol-

erate substandard performance.

As a young Airman, I never wanted to disappoint Sergeant Kelly. As a matter of fact, at the time, I didn't think he cared if we were happy or not. Incidentally, I was wrong on that one.

But he was always honest, fair, and consistent. I knew what he expected from me and it was always made very clear to us when we didn't meet expectations. On the other hand, he made sure we were recognized for the outstanding work our team did.

Sergeant Kelly taught me that balancing the needs of the mission and the needs of our people isn't easy. It's an art developed over many years of experience.

Years later, back in the classroom, I read in Air University's guidelines for command: "... leadership requires hard work, enthusiasm for the job, and sensitivity to what's going on around you. You must set your standards high, be involved, listen, know what the problems are, remove the weak, promote the strong — and to do this well you've got to be tough."

It's just like Sergeant Kelly taught us. It's mission first and people always.

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Airmen support Soldiers, Marines with up-armor kits

Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
379th Air Expeditionary Wing

SOUTHWEST ASIA — Soldiers and Marines can thank a team of blue-suited warriors at this forward-deployed location for helping put new armor on vehicles they'll never see.

Airmen of the 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron are on a 24-hour treadmill, racing to provide life-saving and force-protection equipment to customers they'll never see.

Since July 18, the Airmen have been loading C-17 Globemaster IIIs full of more dent-resistant Humvees and pallet after pallet of up-armor kits for vehicles already in use in the theater, said Capt. Steve Nelson, the squadron's operations officer.

"We're a vital link in the war on terrorism," Captain Nelson said. "The trigger pullers in the field need this equipment to thwart the capabilities of the enemy."

With an already-limited availability, the squadron's portion of the ramp has become more crowded than a department store's parking lot on Christmas Eve.

"We're staging up to seven aircraft on an area of the parking ramp that was originally designed for only three aircraft," Captain Nelson said.

It is congestion born of necessity, said Army Lt. Col. John Tkach, of the U.S. Central Command's distribution and deployment operations center sustainment cell.

A number of kits had become backlogged stateside, he said.

A decision was made to airlift the kits and up-armored Humvees. This most recent, on-going mission delivered 275 kits "up north" for installation.

The bottom line for the squadron's Airmen — who commonly refer to themselves as the "Mighty 8th" — is as simple as it is far reaching, Colonel Tkach said.

"They're saving Soldier's lives," he said.

Adding this key mission to the squadron's daily itinerary — including passenger and asset movement and air-plane repair and reconstitution — means everyone pitches in, including Staff Sgt. Naomi Groom, a passenger terminal representative.

After her duty day was long over, Sergeant Groom was still in the staging area July 19 adding personal-commitment fuel to the pallet-packaging frenzy.

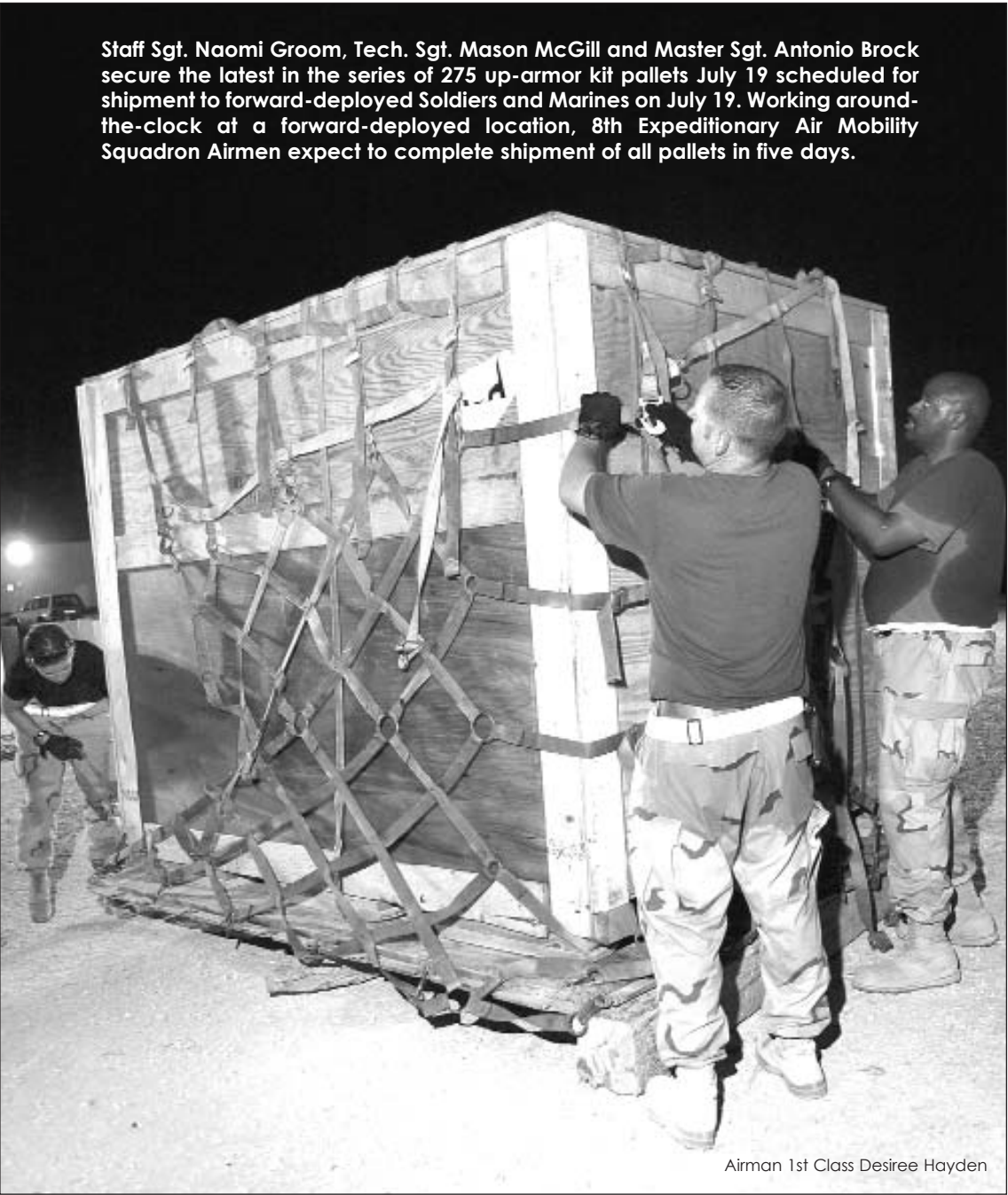
"They need to get downrange," she said.

If Sergeant Groom refers to the Marines and Soldiers in a more familiar manner, it is understandable. She has helped innumerable sister-service brethren who come through this Southwest Asia base's passenger terminal for a four-day rest and recuperation visit.

"It's a great feeling knowing we can get them out of the fight, even for a few days," she said.

Even without the high-profile up-armor kit mission, the squadron's Airmen have plenty of requirements to occupy their time, said Capt. Mike Lee, the squadron's aerial port flight commander.

"We've (brought) more than 80,000 pounds of blood to wounded Soldiers on the frontline," Captain Lee said. "In two-and-a-half months, more than 58,000 passengers and 24,825 short tons of cargo and ammunition have



Staff Sgt. Naomi Groom, Tech. Sgt. Mason McGill and Master Sgt. Antonio Brock secure the latest in the series of 275 up-armor kit pallets July 19 scheduled for shipment to forward-deployed Soldiers and Marines on July 19. Working around-the-clock at a forward-deployed location, 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron Airmen expect to complete shipment of all pallets in five days.

moved through the (squadron).

"That's the entire populace of Dover, Del., and the weight of almost 137 C-5 (Galaxy aircraft)," he said.

Deftly handling the daily mission while simultaneously fulfilling the high-visibility up-armor project is another proverbial feather in the unit's cap, according to their squadron commander.

"What has amazed me is the incredible mission focus and teamwork," said Lt. Col. Douglas Engelke. "We were given 25 days to complete the up-armor kits based on manning and workload, but we'll have it done in five days.

"Needless to say, I'm proud to be a part of the 'Mighty 8th,'" he said.

Movies

Today
"Mr. and Mrs. Smith"
(PG-13, sequences of violence, intense action, sexual content and brief strong language, 120 min.)
Starring: Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt.

Saturday
"The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl"
(PG, mild action, some rude humor, 93 min.)
Starring: Taylor Lautner and Taylor Dooley.

All movies are shown at 7 p.m. at the base theater, unless otherwise noted. For more information, visit www.cafb.services.com.

Family Support Center

(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Bundles of Joy

This program for active-duty Air Force and spouses of active-duty Air Force who are pregnant or have a child up to 4 months of age is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 2. Speakers will provide information on finances, labor and delivery, and infant care. It is an Air Force Aid Society program that provides a gift package valued at more than \$50.

Spouse welcome

A welcome reception for spouses new to Columbus AFB is from 10 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Magnolia Inn Lobby. Spouses will receive gifts and information about the family support center.

Customer service training

A guest speaker will present from Mississippi State University information about how to improve customer service to others and have happy customers is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Aug. 4. People must register by Aug. 1.

Resume workshop

This workshop on preparing resumes is from 9 to 10 a.m. Aug. 8.

Relaxation course

This two-part series on how to take the time to learn how to relax is from 11 a.m. to noon Aug. 9 and Aug. 16. It will teach how to use progressive relaxation techniques, which are 45 minutes long, to reduce stress. People must sign-up by Aug. 5.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is from 1 to 2 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

Parenting for prevention

This course for parents of young children is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 10. It will help parents understand parental enabling, common behavior and how to empower their children. Parents must register by Aug. 9. They may also sign-up for the additional five topics for self study

including conflict resolution, setting limits and more.

Sponsorship training

A workshop designed for all unit introduction monitors is at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Training includes the importance of effective sponsorship and resources available for both sponsors and newcomers.

Time management

A workshop on effective time management is from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday. Participants will learn how to prioritize, set realistic goals and break large goals into smaller ones. They will also receive tips on how to execute daily lists, identify external and internal "time wasters," reduce confusing communication and develop ideas for becoming better organized. Registration is required by July 25.

Free childcare

The Childcare for PCS program offers up to 20 hours of free childcare per child for active-duty Air Force people arriving at or departing from Columbus AFB. Certificates are available within 60 days of departure or arrival. For more information, call Sharon Nichols at Ext. 2790.

Base Notes

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop, located at Building 345, C Street, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays during July. Consignments are accepted during business hours until one hour before closing. Volunteers are welcome. For more information, call 434-2954.

Math CLEP preparatory

The education center offers a mathematics CLEP preparatory class from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 8 through Aug. 10 in Classroom 11 of Building 916. Twelve seats are available and registration is a first come, first served basis.

The class is designed to sharpen mathematics skills for the Mathematics General CLEP exam Aug. 11. To sign up or for more information, call the education center at Ext. 2562.

COSC social

The Columbus Officers' Spouses' Club opens its new season with a membership drive and special activities social at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Columbus Club.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Cost is \$12 per person, and club members receive a \$2 discount. New members are welcome. For reservations, contact Jennifer Wood at woodtjjg@cablone.net or 425-6059 by noon Aug. 4.

Student spouse group

The Student Spouses Group, a part of the Columbus Officer Spouses Club, invites student spouses of the past, present and the future for coffee and pastries at Beans and Cream located at Brickerton Square at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 10. No reservations are needed. For more information, call Veronica Lestina at (319) 931-0980 or e-mail veronickins@hotmail.com.

Commissary hours

The Sunday commissary hours of operation have changed; the store opens at 11 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. Store hours for the rest of the week are as follows: closed Monday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call the commissary at Ext. 7109.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. — Adult study and children's one room Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Combined service (Contemporary/Traditional)
Wednesday:
9:30 a.m. — Ladies Bible study
11:30 a.m. — Lunchtime study
5:30 p.m. — Pot luck supper and Bible study

Religious studies

A chapel community provides a variety of religious studies every Wednesday at the chapel annex. A ladies' study, "Managing Your Time" by Jean Syswerda, is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; a lunchtime study, "The Fruit of the Spirit" by Stuart Briscot, is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and an evening study, an overview of the Bible led by Tom Marlin, is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

SUPT Class 05-12 earns silver wings



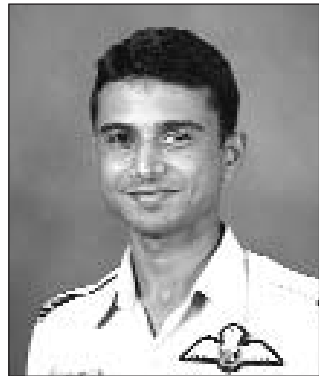
T-1A Jayhawk



T-38C Talon



1st Lt. Brandon Brown
Holyoke, Colo.
T-37, Columbus AFB, Miss.



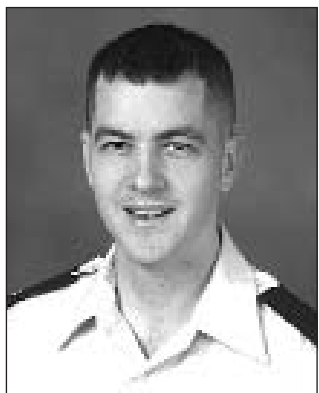
1st Lt. Pravin Dikshit
Lucknow, India
Mig-21, Jammagar AF Station, India



1st Lt. David Feth
Golden, Colo.
T-37, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. Yazan Aranki
Amman, Jordan
F-16, King Sesal AB, Jordan



2nd Lt. Matthew Clark
Morristown, N.J.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Carson Dodds
Orlando, Fla.
C-17, Hickam AFB, Hawaii



2nd Lt. Patrick Lang
Anchorage, Alaska (ANG)
C-130, Kulis ANGB, Alaska



2nd Lt. Brian O'Dell
Renton, Wash. (AFRC)
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Clinton Oja
Astoria, Ore.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Derek Portlock
Smithfield, Va.
E-3, Tinker AFB, Okla.



2nd Lt. Eric Reichert
Thornhurst, Penn.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Sandra Salzman
Manitowoc, Wis. (ANG)
C-130, St. Paul, Minn.



2nd Lt. Cezar Sniadecki
Destin, Fla. (ANG)
E-8, Warner-Robins AFB, Ga.



2nd Lt. Daniel Vicchio
Baltimore, Md. (AFRC)
KC-135, Andrews AFB, Md.



2nd Lt. Nicholas Wabeke
Clearwater, Fla.
A-10, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Robert Young
Lawrenceburg, Tenn.
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.

Twenty-two officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 05-12 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Brig. Gen. Jack Ramsaur II, mobilization assistant to the U.S. Strategic Command Global Operations director, Offutt AFB, Neb. General Ramsaur is a command pilot with more than 5,300 military and 4,500 civilian flight hours.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lt. Carson Dodds, T-1, and 1st Lt. Jesus Figueroa, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 1st Lt. Brandon Brown, T-1, and 2nd Lt. Matthew Clark, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Second Lt. Jonathan Fruge, T-1, Lieutenants Figueroa and Dodds were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop T-6A

Texan II at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots. *(Editor's note: The class's pilot partners are 4-County Electric and Mitchell, McNutt and Sams.)*



Comedy night set for July 30 at club

Pam Wickham
14th Services Division

Relationships, politics, kids, in-laws-- everyday stuff in the adult world will be part of the comedy show featuring "Whodi" and Kid Dave Miller July 30. The show begins at 8 p.m. at the Columbus Club and is open to all ranks.

The headliner comedian is Mr. Miller. He is a grown-up who entertains other grown-ups with grown-up humor — not dirty — just his life and times filtered through a hilarious, sarcastic wit. This comedy veteran is a favorite at top comedy clubs throughout the country. Dave has performed with Jeff

Foxworthy, Ellen DeGeneres, Dennis Miller, Adam Sandler, and Bobcat Goldthwait, to name just a few. Mr. Miller's live comedy album, "Kicked Out" is available at outlets nationwide and has made television appearances at Comedy Central and the Nashville Network.

The opening act is "Whodi," who is originally from Amory, Miss., travels the country entertaining audiences with his side-splitting comedy and likeable, outgoing personality.

Jazz disc jockey, Michael Rush, will entertain starting at 7 p.m. and play before, during and after the show.

The Landing Lounge will be open with

beverage specials and the bar menu will be available.

Advance tickets are available at the Columbus Club, library, bowling center, lodging and outdoor recreation. Cost is \$5 for club members and \$7 for nonmembers. Tickets at the door are \$7 for club members and \$9 for nonmembers.

Any person who joins the club between Monday and July 29 will receive two free comedy night tickets.

Other upcoming club programs are the family fun night Aug. 4 with pony rides, the champagne Sunday brunch Aug. 21 and Super Sunday bingo Sept. 25.

For more information, call Ext. 2490.

Wakeboard and ski competition: A wakeboard and ski competition is scheduled for today and Saturday at the Columbus Marina off of Wilkins-Wise Road.

The event is open to the public and all levels of wakeboarders, and registration is required.

Dates are subject to change. For more information or to register, call 327-8450.

First Friday Nite gospel sing: The Friday Nite Gospel Sing is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 5 at the Princess Theatre located on 5th Street South.

It features different local talent each month. Admission is \$6 per person. The event is sponsored by the McAdams Quartet. For more information, call 328-5016.

Historic home tours: Drop by or call the Mississippi Welcome Center or Columbus Historic Foundation for schedules of historic homes that open daily to the public for tour. For admission prices or more information, call (800) 920-3533.

Poetry reading and book review: The Sandfield Horizon Committee holds an open-mic poetry reading and book review at 5:15 p.m. every fourth Sunday at the Sandfield Community Center. Readings begin at 5:15 p.m. and the book review begins at 6:30 p.m.

Host families needed: Student exchange Cultural Academic Student Exchange Inc. seeks families in the

Golden Triangle area to be host families for high school foreign exchange students. For more information, call (800) 458-8336.

Stitches From the Heart: Stitches From the Heart seeks volunteers to knit, crochet or quilt blankets, sweaters and hats for babies in need. For more information, call Kathy Silverton at (866) 472-6903.

DAV volunteers: People interested in driving members of the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans should call 244-0391.

For more event listings, visit www.columbus-ms.org.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.



Pam Wickham

Filler up

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Gino Conti, who's been a club member for more than 64 years, fills his plate during the last club membership night. Club members are invited for free food, beverages, door prizes and swimming at the Independence pool from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Call Ext. 2490.

lodging and three meals. Call Ext. 7861.

Bowl for the Stars and Strikes: Receive ten punches on a punch card and customers receive two free games of bowling and a free soda and are entered into the monthly drawing for a bowling ball. Call Ext. 2426.

Breakfast anytime: The bowling center

snack bar now offers breakfast items anytime the snack bar is open. Call Ext. 2426 to place an order.

Veterinary clinic hours: The veterinary clinic is open from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays for pick-up and drop off of records and to purchase monthly pet supplies. Call Ext. 2281.

All you can eat lunch buffet \$4.95:

During July, the Columbus Club introduces its all new summer time lunch buffets for \$4.95 for everyone. Lunch is served Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday features a mega-salad bar and potato bar, Wednesday is fried chicken, smoked barbecue brisket with all the sides, Thursdays is pork ribs, pulled pork, chicken wings and sloppy Joes with all the sides and Fridays is fish and chips with the mega sized salad bar.

The a la carte menu is also available with the new 12-minute guarantee— order your lunch and if its not ready in 12-minutes your lunch is free. Call Ext. 2490.

Boss and buddy night:

The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks boss and buddy night from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursdays in the Landing Lounge with \$1 draft beverages and a free taco bar for club members. Nonmembers pay \$2.95 for the taco bar. Call Ext. 2490.

Champagne Sunday brunch:

The Columbus Club offers this combination of entrees from breakfast and lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 21. Cost is \$9.95 for club members and \$12.95 for nonmembers. Children ages 6 to 12 eat for \$5 while children 5 and younger eat free. Call Ext. 2490.

National KidsDay:

The youth center invites families to help in this year's celebration from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 6 at Freedom Park.

There will be food, games and demonstrations. Call Ext. 2504.

Home decor classes:

The arts and crafts center offers home decor/woodworking classes in making a storage unit for an entertainment center Aug. 4 and a dual mount wall shelf Aug. 18. Call Ext. 7836.

Summer reading program awards day:

The base library's summer reading program "Share the Treasure with Captain Book" awards day is at 1 p.m. Wednesday. This program was open to children in grades 1 to 6. Call Ext. 2934.

Back to school shopping trip:

Get those back to school items on this trip Aug. 6 to Birmingham, Ala. to the Riverchase Galleria Mall and the Watermark Outlet Mall. The bus departs at 8 a.m. and returns around 6 p.m. Call Ext. 7861.

Casino dinner trip:

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino in Philadelphia, Miss. Aug. 19. Cost is \$25 for club members and \$28 for nonmembers and includes transportation, \$15 in coins and a free buffet dinner. Call Ext. 7861.

Lunch and bowl for \$5:

Take in two games of bowling, free shoe rental and your choice of a cheeseburger or hot dog, fries and regular drink from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Ext. 2426.

White water rafting trip:

The information, ticket and travel office offers a trip to Ocoee, Tenn. to ride the white water rapids Aug. 20 to 22.

Cost is \$105 per person for club members and \$120 for nonmembers. Cost includes a 1/2 river trip, transportation, two nights

CAFB Airmen lead way in weightlifting competition

1st Lt. Jon Quinlan
314th Airlift Wing

LITTLE ROCK AFB, Ark. — Intensity, power and focus — three attributes that powerlifters use to thrust thousands of pounds of weight into the air.

Competitors across the United States did just that at the Air Education and Training Command and Amateur Athletic Union’s fourth annual Muscle Mania Powerlifting National Championships at the fitness center here June 23.

Retiree and active-duty weightlifters participated in the championship in three categories of competition: squat, dead lift and bench press, according to Mr. Don Skeel, 314th Services Squadron fitness center director and Muscle Mania coordinator.

Overall competition winners were determined by adding total pounds lifted in all three events.

Just getting yourself in the zone and ready to lift several hundred pounds of weight can be a challenge, according to Kurt Mattison, 463rd Maintenance Operation Squadron.

“I start wrapping my knees, and I just try to block everything out, the real preparation starts about 12-16 weeks out,” Mattison said. “The physical part is not the hard part, it’s the mental part.”

Mattison spent four days a week in the gym preparing

for this event, and he did well winning the masters division and placing second in the 198-pound weight class lifting a total of 1,477 pounds.

“The best who have the time and opportunity to powerlift are here demonstrating their great strength,” said World’s Strongest Man, Bill Kazmaier who was on hand to offer words of encouragement at the annual event.

Other AETC winners were:

AETC Male Lifters

Mitchell Guldry, Lackland AFB, Texas, 148-pound weight class

Chris McCool, Lackland, 165-pound weight class

Steve Bonifant, Little Rock, 181-pound weight class

Troy Wesley, Little Rock, 198-pound weight class

Joseph Reyes, Tyndall AFB, Fla., 198-pound weight class

Steven Edmonds, Luke AFB, Ariz., 198-pound weight class

Jerome Adams, Keesler AFB, Miss., 220-pound weight class

Johnny Morris, Tyndall, 220-pound weight class

Herbert Hayes, Jr., Keesler, 308-pound weight class

Amateur Athletic Union Military National Lifters Male

Mitchell Guldry, Lackland, 148-pound weight class

Chris McCool, Lackland, 165-pound weight class

Steve Bonifant, Little Rock, 181-pound weight class

Kurt Mattison, Little Rock, 198-pound weight class

Troy Wesley, Little Rock, 198-pound weight class

Joseph Reyes, Tyndall, 198-pound weight class

Steven Edmonds, Luke, 198-pound weight class

Jerome Adams, Keesler, 220-pound weight class

Johnny Morris, Tyndall, 220-pound weight class

Lon Watson, Little Rock, 275-pound weight class

Herbert Hayes, Jr., Keesler, 308-pound weight class

Bench Only AETC

Aaron Branch, Luke, 165-pound weight class

Jason Heidbreder, Goodfellow AFB, Texas, 181-pound weight class

Carmine Muscarella, Columbus AFB, Miss., 198-pound weight class

Frankie Cruz, Goodfellow, 242-pound weight class

Justin Herbst, Columbus, 275-pound weight class

Bench Only AAU

Aaron Branch, Luke, 165-pound weight class

Jason Heidbreder, Goodfellow, 181-pound weight class

Steven Edmonds, Luke, 198-pound weight class

Carmine Muscarella, Columbus, 198-pound weight class

Frankie Cruz, Goodfellow, 242-pound weight class

Justin Herbst, Columbus, 275-pound weight class

Bench Only AETC Females

Alicen Bedrosian, Columbus, 148-pound weight class

Bench Only AAU Females

Alicen Bedrosian, Columbus, 148-pound weight class

British soccer camp kicks into action



Top: Camp participants test their new soccer skills in a game of “Cowboys and Indians.” Bottom: Austin Carter, 7, prepares to kick the ball to center field. The children learned different techniques during the camp.



Photos by Airman Alyssa Wallace

Elizabeth Watson, 10, passes a soccer ball during a British soccer camp practice. The week-long camp had 22 attendees — nine in the morning, 14 in the evening.



Shorts

Youth fall soccer

Register by Aug. 19 for the youth soccer program at the youth center. Cost is \$25 for youth center members and \$35 for nonmembers. Open to children ages 3 and older. Call Ext. 2504.

Mixed couple golf scramble

A mixed couple golf scramble begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Aug. 6. The 18-hole tournament provides lunch on the patio. The deadline to sign up is Aug. 5 at the Whispering Pines professional shop. Cost is \$60 plus greens fees per couple and includes prize fund, cart, door prizes, free beverages and lunch. Call Ext. 7932.

July golf specials

From 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday during July, greens fees are half price for adults and ages 16 and younger can play 9 holes for \$2 when accompanied by an adult at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Call Ext. 7932.

Par 3 Golf Tournament

This tournament is Saturday at Whispering Pines Golf Course with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Cost is \$15 plus greens fees, and a handicap is required. Call Ext. 7932.

No-tap bowling tourney

This tournament begins at 7 p.m. July 29 at Strike Zone Lanes. Entry is \$15, which includes \$5 for lineage and \$10 for the prize fund. Call Ext. 2426.

Twisted Mixed Tourney

This golf tournament is scheduled for Aug. 6, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry is \$60 per couple plus greens fees, and includes a cart, ditty bag, lunch on the patio and a prize fund contribution. Call Ext. 7932.

Winter/fall bowling leagues

The bowling center is now accepting sign-ups for the winter/fall bowling leagues. The leagues will begin in the middle of September. There will be mixed double, ladies, mixed four, seniors and mixed four nine-pin no tap. For more information, call Ext. 2426.

One person scramble

A one person scramble where a person can legally take two shots is scheduled for Aug. 20 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. Entry is \$15 plus greens fees, and the deadline to register is Aug. 19. Call Ext. 7932.

Women's Equality fun run

A Women’s Equality Day fun run/walk begins at Aug. 19 in front of the fitness center. Family, children and pets are invited to run the 5k course or walk the 1.5-mile walk. Call Ext. 2772.

Certified aerobics instructors needed

The fitness center is looking for certified aerobics instructors. For more information, call Ext. 2773.

Cosmic Country Rock and Bowl

The bowling center offers the Cosmic Country Rock and Bowl from 9 p.m. to midnight Aug. 19.

Stop by the bowling center to participate in a few games of bowling and some country music.

Cost is \$2 per game, and shoe rental is included. Call Ext. 2426.

The camp participants cools off with a drink of water during a break.